



Environmental Education



Get Back to Nature at Irons Oaks!!

Irons Oaks environmental education programs are designed to introduce participants to the natural world through hands-on learning and exploration. Our 38-acre nature preserve is home to a diversity of wildlife and habitat types. Whether you are a school teacher, day care provider, home school educator or summer camp, we have a program that will fit your needs and support your curriculum.

Our programs support **Common Core Standards**

Nature Programs for ages 2nd grade to high school. See reverse side for Pre-K to 1st options. Programs vary in length from 1 to 4 hours and are a combination of the following options:

Forest Exploration

Examine a tree from the inside out! Students will learn about trees and how to age and identify them. Through exploration and activities, students will learn about the forest community.

Water, Water Everywhere

Discover the many facets of water through pond study, macro-invertebrate sampling and water cycle activities customized to meet your learner objectives.

Nature Games

This session is filled with fun, educational games that involve basic ecological principles. Activity can be adapted for pre-K - 1st grade.

Insect Investigations (seasonal)

Explore a rotten log and discover one of the roles played by these unsung heroes of nature! Learn about what makes an insect and insect and spend time searching for them at Irons Oaks.



Illinois Biodiversity

Investigate what kinds of life fill the state and the important role they have. Students will scout the forest in search of all that call Irons Oaks home.



Nature Detectives (2nd - 5th grade)

Students will investigate & solve outdoor mysteries through activities, games, stories and short hikes.





Environmental Education Programs & Fees

Early Childhood Programming: These programs are best for younger learners

Sense Hike Pre-K – 1st grade
Explore nature using four senses. Join a naturalist for a hike through Irons Oaks to discover all the sights, sounds, textures, and smells that nature offers.

Nature Stories Pre-K - 1st grade
It's story time in the forest! We'll read a book about nature and then lead the group on an adventure to witness some of the events in real life.

Program Fees (per group of 15)

Length	Resident	Non-Resident
Pre-K (1 hour)	\$43	\$54
1.5 hours	\$54	\$80
2 hours	\$80	\$123
3 hours	\$107	\$160
4 hours	\$134	\$193

- All programs are held outdoors. Please dress for the weather.
- Program fee includes use of a picnic area for 30 minutes.
- Payment is due in full 30 days prior to program.
- Cancellations and changes must be made 30 days in advance.

Outdoor Education Experience (OEE) 3rd grade to High School

The Outdoor Education (OEE) program is the perfect combination of the Team Development Course with outdoor nature activities in Environmental Education programs. OEE programs are 4 or 8 hours in length.



OEE Program Fees (per group of 12)

Length	Resident	Non-Resident
4 Hour OEE	\$170	\$255
8 hour OEE	\$330	\$500

Add climbing tower for additional fee.

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